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Dear Mr. Goldberg,

Enclosed are xeroxes of the picture of the rifle as found and of several other pictures I believe Earl Slater referred to. I do not enclose what I said I would, an afterword to the Mailer book manuscript because it was retyped terribly and is being retyped again and because it was longer than I recall. I do not think you'd want to spend that time on the chance of being amused by it.

According to the testimony of the police who found the rifle, it was hidden even more by paper atop it. You can see that it is under the over~~hang~~lap of two sets of cartons. It is behind a square of book cartons that were not fingerprinted to get Oswald's or any other prints from them and even without all the time this would have taken, the time reconstructions could not get Oswald to the second floor encouter with him the policeman and the building manager had until after they would have been there, when Oswald could not have been.

I wrote page 294 of Photographic Whitewash after the phone call it reports because by accident all else had been printed. I've highlighted what Billy Lovelady's wife described as the shirt he wore that day. On the inside back cover of Whitewash II I printed a picture of him in the shirt the FBI said he wore that day and a police picture of Oswald in the shirt in which he was arrested. In my search for confirmation of her word I found pictures of Lovelady in the shirt his wife described in an overexposed amateur standard 8mm color film by a bystander named Martin. With all that enlargement these xeroxes are not of Hollywood quality but I think they establish that Mrs. Lovelady knew what she was talking about and that the shirt he was wearing that day cannot be the shirt on the ~~man in the doorway.~~ (in Altgens picture.) If as seems probably now that was Oswald then it is really scandalous.

I have enlargements of the six pictures of curtains being put up in the room Oswald rented but do not recall where they are. The identification of this film and the date are on the reverse side of this xerox. (It was actually half a room!)

Also enclosed id what was immediately suppressed by all the papers, the scoop the Wash. Post had on the cooling statement by all those general and admirals about their nuclear arms concerns. I found no paper that covered their statement. There was no mention in the Baltimore Sun, the New York Times, the Wall Street

Journal or even the Post, which had the scoop!

The only way any of it got out was in paid ads! There was a half-page ad in the Post, on page 41, and less than a quarter page ad in the Times.

This is one of the matters that has also taken some time. I plan an Epilogue to Waketh the Watchman on it.

It also should make comprehensible to those who refuse to believe it that the government can from time to time depend on situations in which what ordinarily makes news is not reported.

Like the truth about the assassination.

I'm sorry this took longer than I'd thought and that my typing cannot be any better.

We do appreciate the time you have taken and hope that as you read a handle will suggest itself.

Sincerely,

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